

IN THE
INDIANA TAX COURT

NO.49T10-9309-TA-70

TOWN OF ST. JOHN, <i>et al.</i> ,)
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Petitioners,)
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DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT)
FINANCE as successor to the)
STATE BOARD OF TAX)
COMMISSIONERS,)
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Respondents.)
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MONTHLY REPORT 30

As successor to the State Board of Tax Commissioners, this is monthly report thirty from the Department of Local Government Finance ("DLGF") under the Court's order dated May 31,2000, 729 N.E.2d 242,247. The report explains the DLGF's activities during November 2002 to implement the Court's order. An outline of those activities is included as Exhibit A.

Lake County Reassessment

Officials of the DLGF met in late October with its contractors for the reassessment project in Lake County. Data collection, land valuation and data input are proceeding. CLT has implemented night and weekend shifts for data entry and has installed additional terminals. Crowe is now hooked in to the data network through the

Internet. Its computer experts are addressing various quality control issues and suggesting implementation of further efficiencies. The project manager is working with the contractors on a day-to-day basis. The Commissioner has scheduled face-to-face meetings in December to continue to keep that project on track and to address concerns expressed by Lake county officials.

Computer Software

The DLGF continues to work with computer vendors that are not yet certified at the state level and to advise counties on implementation of software programs and certification at the local level. The DLGF certified another software vendor at the state level, Plexis, on November 15.

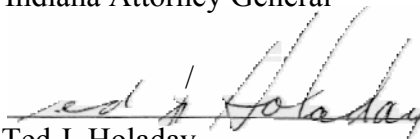
Training

The DLGF continued its efforts to assist county officials in reassessing activities and to provide guidance in implementing the provisions of HEA 1001ss. Throughout its communications, the DLGF stressed that the reassessment has not been delayed.

The DLGF staff taught 11 equalization classes in November in various locations across the state. The DLGF will conduct new official training for newly elected assessing officials in December and January.

Respectfully submitted,

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